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The Honorable M. Jodi Rell
Governor
State of Connecticut
State Capitol, Room 202
Hartford, CT 06106

Dear Governor Rell:


Earlier today we sent you a letter requesting that you make public your ideas for balancing the 2010-2011 budget deficits.


Your reply to our request – that we should simply pass the committees' budget – is not responsive. You have already stated that you would veto that budget. Have you changed your mind, would you now sign the budget passed by the Appropriations and Finance Committees?

This is the time when we all must be part of the solution. We hope that your response was not an admission that you are not willing to share with the public your plan for a balanced budget. Families and businesses across Connecticut expect those of us in public office to be straight with them about the size of the deficit, and to tell them the steps necessary to balance the budget and move Connecticut forward.

We know that putting a balanced budget on the table involves unpopular choices and challenges. Meeting those challenges in difficult times is the essence of leadership. We hope that you will reconsider your refusal to present a balanced budget to the people of Connecticut.

Sincerely,


Donald E. Williams, Jr.
Senate President Pro Tempore


Martin M. Looney
Senate Majority Leader